

University of Louisville

1. Are more Kentuckians ready for postsecondary education?

- Continue to work closely with Jefferson County Public Schools, the Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative, and other partners to better align curriculum and standards in order to prepare students for all levels of education.
- Enhance program of national distinction for early childhood education.

2. Are more students enrolling?

- Enhance the undergraduate experience by improving the quality of undergraduate programs so they serve as a magnet for students; have an average entering ACT score of 24.5 by the year 2008.
- Focus recruitment and retention on the best undergraduate students through increased scholarships and financial aid; by 2004 enroll 370 entering freshmen with ACT scores > 27 and 435 entering freshmen in the upper 10% of their high school graduating class.
- Complete the implementation of the "Pathways to Success" program for students who do not meet admission criteria but wish to pursue a four-year baccalaureate degree. These students begin at Jefferson Community College and receive guaranteed admission to UofL upon completion of requirements.
- Provide support for Metropolitan College, a joint venture between the University of Louisville, Jefferson Community College, and United Parcel Service, that provides students an unprecedented opportunity to enroll in postsecondary education while being employed on a part-time basis.
- Increase investment (totaling over \$4 million) in financial aid and scholarships that provide access to qualified students.
- Target resources in areas of academic excellence to gain national recognition in select graduate and professional programs; by 2006 enroll 4,667 graduate students and 1,270 professional students.
- Pursue commitment to the recruitment of a high quality, diverse student population.
- Increase the number of resident students; focus on high quality programs and services for students in university housing and residence facilities.

3. Are more students advancing through the system?

- Invest in infrastructure necessary to provide academic support services to students through: enhanced freshmen orientation, access to tutoring, minority academic support, mentoring and career counseling through the Resources for Academic Achievement (REACH) Center; by 2008, increase retention rate to 78%.
- Work collaboratively with Jefferson Community College on the "Pathways to Success" initiative.

- Continue cooperation with Bellarmine University and Jefferson Community College to transfer allied health science programs.
- Reaffirm commitment to helping students achieve their educational objectives; increase the six-year graduation rate of all students from 31.9% to 45% in 2008.
- Increase the number of doctoral graduates from 63 in 2001 to 100 in 2008

4. Are we preparing Kentuckians for life and work?

- Develop programs tailored to the needs of society and the local community.
- Administer quality assurance surveys for entering, undergraduate, and graduate students as well as alumni and employers in an effort to internally track institutional effectiveness and assessment.
- Continue to monitor and assess pass rates on licensure and certification exams.
- Implement an early childhood initiative that serves families of our community and teacher preparation programs that achieve national standing.
- Expand the University Medical Center to fulfill the postgraduate and technical workforce demands of the health care industry and Louisville area.
- Develop a Logistics and Distribution Institute that responds to the workforce and research needs of the rapidly expanding logistics and distribution industries in Kentucky.
- Invest in comprehensive technology resources for faculty, staff, and students in support of teaching and learning through distance and site-based education such as the Internet, interactive video, application software, and technology support services.

5. Are Kentucky's communities and economy benefiting?

- Increase levels of funded research that contributes to the economic development, educational reform, and problem-solving initiatives of the Commonwealth; expand UofL's base of both its internally and externally funded research and attain total research and development awards and total grants and contracts of \$200 million by 2010.
- Expand endowment growth to \$1 billion by 2008.
- Increase licenses and patents including income received, business startups, and incubations that evolve from university research.
- Establish an office of technology development to contribute, as well as coordinate, support for new business startups and university/private partnerships.
- Build upon the achievements of our entrepreneurship, engineering, and law faculties to launch 20 new businesses in engineering, health sciences, or telecommunications.
- Develop 10 areas in health sciences, fundamental to the success of the Louisville Medical Center Development Corporation, as nationally recognized programs in academic medicine.
- Monitor program and service effectiveness through ongoing assessment activities including employer and community surveys and periodic reviews.
- Provide enhanced economic impact through increased research awards; every \$1 million in new research funding results in approximately \$1.2 million in new output by local businesses, 50.6 new jobs at UofL and the community, and \$810,000 in new payroll at UofL and in the community.
- Intensify collaborative efforts with the University of Kentucky in applied research in a growing commitment to impact and expand the Commonwealth of Kentucky's economic outlook.